

IN THE CLAIMS:

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[Please]cancel Claims 1 to 16[without prejudice or disclaimer of subject matter and add new Claims 17 to 34 as follows. The claims, as pending in the subject application, read as follows:]

Q 17. (New) A printer that can communicate with a host computer, said printer comprising:

control means for, if first print data received from the host computer cannot be output, and if it is possible to output second print data subsequently received after the first print data from the host computer, retreating the first print data and outputting the second print data,

wherein said control means retreats the first print data based on an indication whether the print data is to be retreated, the indication being included in each print instruction provided by the host computer.

18. (New) The printer according to claim 17, further comprising:

job execution management means for managing at least one print data such that an output process is executed sequentially from the first listed print data; and

job retreat management means for managing at least one print job retreated by said control means,

wherein if the first print data cannot be output and if the first print data is to be retreated, said control means cancels registration of the first print data in said job execution management means and registers the first print data in said job retreat management means, and when it becomes possible to output the retreated first print data,

said control means cancels registration of the first print data in said job retreat management means and registers the first print data again in said job execution management means.

19. (New) The printer according to claim 17, further comprising notification means for notifying the host computer of list information representing the at least one print data registered in said job retreat management means with a distinguishable indication that each of the at least one print data is retreated.

20. (New) The printer according to claim 19, further comprising setting change control means for receiving, from the host computer, an instruction for changing a setting on any of the at least one print data represented by the list information notified by said notification means, and executing the setting change on the print data instructed by the received instruction.

21. (New) The printer according to claim 20, wherein, when it becomes possible to output one of the at least one retreated print data due to the setting change by said setting change control means, said control means cancels registration of the one print data in said job retreat management means and registers the one print data again in said job execution management means.

22. (New) The printer according to claim 17, further comprising reception means for receiving the indication whether the print data is to be retreated, from the host computer.

23. (New) The printer according to claim 22, wherein the indication can indicate for each of a plurality of items whether the print data is to be retreated, and wherein the host computer can designate for each of the plurality of items whether the print data is to be retreated.

24. (New) A print control method for printer that can communicate with a host computer, said method comprising the steps of:

Ge a control step of controlling, if first print data received from the host computer cannot be output, and if it is possible to output second print data subsequently received after the first print data from the host computer, retreating the first print data and outputting the second print data,

wherein said control step retreats the first print data based on an indication whether the print data is to be retreated, the indication being included in each print instruction provided by the host computer.

25. (New) The method according to claim 24, further comprising the steps of:

a job execution management step of managing at least one print data such that an output process is executed sequentially from the first listed print data; and

a job retreat management step of managing at least one print job retreated by said control step,

wherein if the first print data cannot be output and if the first print data is to be retreated, said control step cancels registration of the first print data in said job execution management step and registers the first print data in said job retreat management

step, and when it becomes possible to output the retreated first print data, said control step cancels registration of the first print data in said job retreat management step and registers the first print data again in said job execution management step.

26. (New) The method according to claim 24, further comprising a notification step of notifying the host computer of list information representing the at least one print data registered in said job retreat management step with a distinguishable indication that each of the at least one print data is retreated.

27. (New) The method according to claim 26, further comprising a setting change control step of receiving, from the host computer, an instruction for changing a setting on any of the at least one print data represented by the list information notified by said notification step, and executing the setting change on the print data instructed by the received instruction.

28. (New) The method according to claim 27, wherein, when it becomes possible to output one of the at least one retreated print data due to the setting change by said setting change control step, said control step cancels registration of the one print data in said job retreat management step and registers the one print data again in said job execution management step.

29. (New) The method according to claim 24, further comprising a reception step of receiving the indication whether the print data is to be retreated, from the host computer.

30. (New) The printer according to claim 29, wherein the indication can indicate for each of a plurality of items whether the print data is to be retreated, and wherein the host computer can designate for each of the plurality of items whether the print data is to be retreated.

31. (New) A host computer that can communicate with a printer provided with a first management unit for outputting at least one print data in a sequential order of registration, and a second management unit for retaining at least one print data without outputting the print data, said host computer comprising:

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setting means for providing each print data with setting information indicating whether or not the print data is to be retained in the second management unit without outputting promptly;

selection means for selecting any of at least one print data retained in the second management unit;

display control means for displaying a setting screen adapted for changing a print setting on the print data selected by said selection means; and

notification means for notifying the printer of the print setting on the selected print data changed on the setting screen displayed by said display control means.

32. (New) The host computer according to claim 31, wherein the setting screen includes a plurality of input sections, each designed to reflect a default setting that corresponds to a setting given in said host computer before the print data selected by said selection means is retained in the second management unit.

33. (New) A print control program for a host computer that can communicate with a printer provided with a first management unit for outputting at least one print data in a sequential order of registration, and a second management unit for retaining at least one print data without outputting the print data, said program comprising the steps of:

a setting step of providing each print data with setting information indicating whether or not the print data is to be retained in the second management unit without outputting promptly;

a selection step of selecting any of at least one print data retained in the second management unit;

Q a display control step of displaying a setting screen adapted for changing a print setting on the print data selected by said selection step; and

a notification step of notifying the printer of the print setting on the selected print data changed on the setting screen displayed by said display control step.

34. (New) The program according to claim 31, wherein the setting screen includes a plurality of input sections, each designed to reflect a default setting that corresponds to a setting given in said host computer before the print data selected by said selection step is retained in the second management unit.

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